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March 29, 2018

Mr. Matthew Meares
8401 Patterson Ave., Suite 201
Richmond, VA 23229

RE: Hollyfield II Solar, LLC

Location: King William County
Registration No.: 2018-S01

Dear Mr. Meares:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), after consultation with the Department of Historic Resources (DHR), the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF), and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), has completed its review of the January 29, 2018, application by Virginia Solar, LLC, for Hollyfield II Solar, LLC (VA Solar-Hollyfield II) for coverage under the Small Renewable Energy Project (Solar) Permit by Rule, 9VAC15 Chapter 60. Based upon this review, DEQ determines that the application satisfies the requirements of 9VAC15-60-30 provided that VA Solar-Hollyfield II complies with the following:

- All commitments referenced within the Application Documents and supplemental information documents:
 - January 30, 2018; Corrected title page,
 - March 6, 2018; Signed Local Government Certification,
 - March 19, 2018; Revised Mitigation Plan,
 - March 23, 2018; Revised Operation Plan,
 - March 26, 2018; Certification of design incorporating mitigation plan, and
 - March 27, 2018; Non-Utility Certification.
- Notification and coordination with DEQ prior to installation of plantings referenced in formal mitigation plan;
- Submission of final interconnection agreement as soon as practicable according to 9VAC15-60-30 A 4; and

- Submission as soon as practicable of final post-construction site map including mitigation measures according to 9VAC15-60-70 A.

Based upon compliance with the conditions stated above, authority is hereby granted to VA Solar, LLC, to construct and operate Hollyfield II Solar, LLC, a photovoltaic project in King William County on roughly 170 acres of land located on multiple parcels south of Old Newcastle Road, north of the Pamunkey River, and on either side of Bassettaire Lane with a cumulative total generating capacity of 13 MW AC, in accordance with all Application Documents, supplemental documents and this letter of approval.

This authorization for construction and operation shall not relieve VA Solar-Hollyfield II of the responsibility to comply with all other applicable local, state and federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to strict adherence to applicable state and local erosion and sediment control/storm water management laws and regulations.

In addition, DEQ strongly encourages VA-Solar-Hollyfield II to incorporate the DCR Recommended Actions listed below:

- Development of a monitoring and control plan for invasive species, and;
- The planting of native pollinator plants in the buffer areas of the planned facility which bloom throughout the spring and summer.

VA-Solar-Hollyfield II must notify Mary E. Major, DEQ Office of Renewable Energy Permitting, of the actual date on which construction of the solar project commences and the date of operation as soon as practicable. Notification must be made 30 days prior to any transfer of ownership or operation of Hollyfield II Solar, LLC, according to the provisions of 9VAC15-60-100 A.

Please note that if VA Solar-Hollyfield II is later found by the DEQ not to qualify for coverage under the terms and conditions of the Solar Permit By Rule, then Virginia Solar, LLC, could be subject to action under the enforcement provisions of the Solar Permit By Rule (9VAC15-60-140) for operation without a permit.

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date of the service of this decision to initiate an appeal of this decision, by filing notice with:

David K. Paylor, Director
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
ATTN: Office of Renewable Energy Permitting
Post Office Box 1105
Richmond, Virginia 23218

In the event this decision is served to you by mail, three days will be added to that period. Please refer to Part Two of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, which describes the required content of the Notice of Appeal, including specification of the

Circuit Court to which the appeal is taken, and additional requirements governing appeals from decisions of administrative agencies.

If you have any questions concerning this authorization under the Small Renewable Energy Project Permit By Rule, please contact Mary E. Major at 804-698-4423.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Dowd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Dowd" being the most prominent parts.

Michael G. Dowd, Director
Air and Renewable Energy Division